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### **Hallowe'en Fire Safety**

"Halloween is likely to take place as scheduled in most Massachusetts communities this year," said State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan. "Take fire safety into consideration when choosing Halloween decorations," he added.

#### **Reminder: Be Careful with Halloween Costumes, Decorations & Treats**

- Use a small flashlight or battery-operated tea light in pumpkins instead of a candle.
- Be sure all parts of costumes are labeled flame retardant and only use flameproof crepe paper.
- Children should carry flashlights or glow sticks and their costumes should be bright-colored or have reflective tape to highlight them so drivers can see them.
- Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- Throw out any treats that appear tampered with, or home-packaged foods unless you're certain of the source.
- Don't use fireworks - they are dangerous and illegal in Massachusetts!
- Adults should escort children around the neighborhood and remind youngsters to cross at crosswalks or corners

For more information on Halloween Safety, contact your local fire department or look at the Department of Fire Services website at [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs), click on **Halloween Safety**, or call the Public Fire Safety Education Hotline at **1-877-9-NO-FIRE**.